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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Information Collection Being Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Emergency Review and Approval**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3502 -3520), the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s). Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before  
**[INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL**

**REGISTER].** If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), via fax at 202-395-5167 or via Internet at [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov) and to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, via the Internet at [Judith-b.herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-b.herman@fcc.gov). To submit your PRA comments by email send them to: [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith B. Herman, Office of Managing Director, FCC, at 202-418-0214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is requesting emergency OMB processing of the new information collection requirements contained in this notice. The Commission is requesting OMB approval by January 11, 2013.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-XXXX.

**Title:** Study Area Boundary Maps Reported in Esri Shapefile Format, DA 12-1777.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,443 respondents; 1,443 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 26 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion and biennial reporting requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Mandatory. Statutory authority for this information collection is

contained in 47 U.S.C. section 254(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**Total Annual Burden:** 7,924 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$705,935.

**Privacy Impact Assessment:** N/A.

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** No questions of a confidential nature are asked.

**Needs and Uses:** The Commission requires that all incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to file shapefile maps of their service territories in a state (study area). Shapefiles are a commonly used, digitized, geographic information system (GIS) format. Accurate and accessible maps are essential to the legitimate distribution of universal service support to rural, high cost carriers. After the shapefiles are uploaded into a web interface provided by the Commission, each ILEC must certify the accuracy of its study area maps. ILECs must also submit updated shapefile maps if their study area boundaries change, and must recertify the accuracy of the map every two years.

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**Cecilia Sigmund,  
Acting, Associate Secretary.**

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